Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14, with the following redlined paragraph:

A preferred feature of the present invention employs commercially available switches which are mounted to a first carrier plate. In that way, for example, mounting of the switches on the plate and wiring of the switches can be implemented before installation in the switching apparatus so that the carrier plate with the switches mounted thereon can finally be introduced as a structural unit into the switching apparatus.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21, with the following redlined paragraph:

The first actuating guide portion ~~20~~19 is entrained by a rotary movement of the actuating shaft 16 and thus the second actuating guide portion 20 also moves along under the actuating lever of the switch 22. As soon as one of the raised cam portions 23 reaches the actuating lever of the switch 22, that actuating lever is moved towards the switch 22 and the switch 22 is actuated. In that way, it is possible clearly to detect that the actuating shaft 16 has reached a predetermined position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 15, with the following redlined paragraph:

In Figure 2, the region to the right of the base plate is the region which, when the switching apparatus is in the final assembled condition, is covered by a cover hood 36 (shown in broken ~~line~~lines) and thus forms the interior of the switching apparatus while the region to the left of the base plate 10 is outside the housing of the switching apparatus.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 24, with the following redlined paragraph:

At the inside of the base plate 10, a first actuating guide portion 19 of ~~a~~an actuating guide is arranged on the actuating shaft 16 in such a way that it is reliably entrained in

the rotational movement of the actuating shaft 16. This can be achieved for example by a positively locking connection.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 19, with the following redlined paragraph:

In accordance with the invention therefore a switching apparatus of the kind set forth in the opening part of this specification is further developed by the actuator being in the form of at least one arcuate actuating guide which is connected with a first actuating guide portion to the actuating shaft and which with a second actuating guide portion at least partially embraces the actuating shaft at a predetermined spacing, wherein provided on the convex side of the second actuating guide portion is an actuating track for the switch or switches, insofar as at at least one predetermined position the spacing between the outer peripheral edge and the actuating shaft is greater for a predetermined arcuate dimension than at other positions of the second actuating guide portion.

Please add, beginning at page 7, between lines 5 and 6, the following new paragraph.

The switching apparatus can include a plurality of switches along the direction of movement and/or the length of the second actuating guide portion.

Please add, beginning at page 14, between lines 2 and 3, the following new paragraph.

A wind power installation uses the at least one switching apparatus. A rotor of the wind power installation comprises at least one rotor blade of which the switching apparatus is adapted to detect a pitch.